Stand and deliver

The city's first comedy festival is a showcase for the homegrown talent being nurtured by funnyman Jami Gong, writes Alan Warboys.

Comedy is song and dance.

"Comedians are not just entertainers," says Gong. "We are storytellers. Our job is to make people laugh, but we also want to make them think. We want to challenge their assumptions and make them question what they believe.

"We are not just doing our routine, we are engaging with our audience. We want them to feel like they are part of the show. We want them to feel like they are part of the story.

"And that's what makes comedy so special. It's not just about the laughs, it's about the connection. It's about the relationship between the comedian and the audience.

"And that's why I love Hong Kong. It's a city where people come together to share a laugh. It's a city where comedy is celebrated. It's a city where comedians are respected.

"And that's why I'm excited to be part of this festival. I'm excited to be sharing the stage with some of the best comedians in the city. I'm excited to be part of something that is going to bring joy to the people of Hong Kong.

"But most of all, I'm excited to be part of something that is going to change lives. I'm excited to be part of something that is going to make a difference.

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"And that's what makes me proud to be part of something like this. I'm proud to be part of something that is going to make a difference.